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GENERAL ORGANIZATION

In an interview between confidential informant known to this Office, and JOHN GRADY, General Secretary-Treasurer of the I.W.W., the latter is alleged to have expressed himself as being alarmed because so many members have left the ranks of the I.W.W. during the past year and denounced the Temporary Committee for WORKING CLASS UNITY as the cause of the weakened condition of the organization. However, in a lengthy interview of Agent MULLEN of this Bureau Office, with JOHN GRADY, and HARRY FEINBERG, Secretary-Treasurer of the GENERAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE, both declared that the Temporary Committee for WORKING CLASS UNITY was a dead issue since the departure of GEORGE HARDY, who is now alleged to be in England, and that the friction which this Committee was trying to cause within the ranks of the I.W.W., did not materialize and has not affected the I.W.W. organization to any extent. According to GRADY, the membership status of the I.W.W. shows a remarkable increase particularly in Agricultural Workers I.U. NO. 110, where over 400 job delegates lined up 6000 new members during the harvest season, and in RAILROAD WORKERS I.U. NO. 520, where the membership increased 30% since the Government issued the injunctions. GRADY further stated that the invitation of the "PROVISIONAL INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF REVOLUTIONARY SYNDICALISTS" to the GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD of the I.W.W., to send a delegate to the

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WORLD CONGRESS OF REVOLUTIONARY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, to be held in Berlin, Germany, on December 25, 1922, will be given wide consideration at the coming General Convention, at which time the question of affiliation with the above-mentioned organization will be also considered. GRADY expressed his belief that the Eastern radical element will play very little part in the Convention and that the Western delegates will succeed in keeping the organization as free as possible from the COMMUNISTS who have been trying to convert the I.W.W. organization into a Communist body.

HARRY FEINBERG, Secretary of the GENERAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE stated that the Committee is doing general campaign work in behalf of the political prisoners and that it is contemplated to have various speakers - not affiliated with the I.W.W. - to address church gatherings, thus arousing general sentiment in favor of a general amnesty of all political prisoners.

The General Defense Committee received telegraphic advice from Seattle, Washington, that the Seattle Branch of the I.W.W. voted in favor of a general strike in favor of the release of the political prisoners.

The financial statement of the I.W.W. for the month of August shows:

Cash on hand	$3,855.16
Deficit on "Industrial Solidarity"	8,432.26
Deficit on other I.W.W. Publications	23,304.27
General Defense Committee - cash on hand	210.13

INDIVIDUALS

FRED W. BOWERMAN, Secretary-Treasurer, and M. RADDOCK, Chairman of the G.O.C. of M.M.W.I.U. No. 440, issued a call for nominations of three delegates to represent this Union at the General Convention.

ED. HAYES, Secretary-Treasurer of I.U. NO. 210 and NO. 220, issued a call for nominations of two delegates to represent NO. 210 and NO. 220 at the coming general convention.

NORMAN WEIR, Card No. 779404, has been duly elected a member of the General Executive Board, representing I.U. NO. 440.

NICK RADIVOEFF, erstwhile secretary of NO. 210 and NO. 220, at Butte, Montana, has been elected chairman of the General Executive Board, succeeding ROBERT E. DALY, who had gone to Phoenix, Arizona, to do general organization work for NO. 210.

HERBERT MAHLER and MORRIS LEVINE, recently released from the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, two of the defendants in the Haywood Conspiracy case, are now active in organization work for A.W.I.U. NO. 110, at General Headquarters.

MEETINGS

A joint mass-convention of the Small Industrial Unions will be held at Chicago, on November 6, 1922, for the purpose of devising ways and means for active organization campaign and to elect a delegate to the General Convention.

The Italian Branch of the I.W.W. will hold a mass gathering on October 7, 1922, at Emmett Memorial Hall, Ogden and Taylor Street, this City.

No I.W.W. meetings of any importance were held in this District during the past week.

NEWSPAPERS and LITERATURE

The "INDUSTRIAL SOLIDARITY" and the foreign language issues of I.W.W. weekly papers of September 23, 1922, do not contain anything of interest to the Department.

ANTONIO PRESI, editor of the "IL PROLETARIO", Italian I.W.W. paper, for the past several years, who has recently been succeeded by ROMOLO BOBBA, is the object of an attack in the above-mentioned paper, by the present editorial staff. It seems that PRESI was dismissed on account of his communistic sentiments and that BOBBA had lost his ground for the same reason. BOBBA is now in Arizona, (Globe or Miami), while PRESI is in New York and is alleged to be the editor of an Italian radical paper. The General Executive Board and the Press Committee of "IL PROLETARIO", elected as editor, MARIA DESCAMPIS, a former member of the Italian Press Committee.

The following free I.W.W. leaflets have been in recent circulation:

LUMBER WORKERS BULLETIN, September 16;
RAILROAD WORKERS BULLETIN, September;
"CALIFORNIANS, BE ON GUARD" by General Defense Committee;
"THE MACHINE AND THE WORKER" by C.W.I.U.NO. 310;
"SOLIDARITY ON THE JOB" " " "
"ON WITH THE DRIVE" by G.C.W.I.U. NO. 330;
"HE WAS NOT A TEN-HOUR MAN IN 1922" - by A.W.I.U. NO. 110.
DEFENSE NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN, September.
"THE MARINE WORKER", September 15, bulletin of M.T.W.I.U. NO. 510.
ITALIAN DEFENSE BULLETIN

The above-listed publications are general propaganda for organization and defense, and do not contain anything of interest to the Department. Copies thereof are being kept on file in this office.

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